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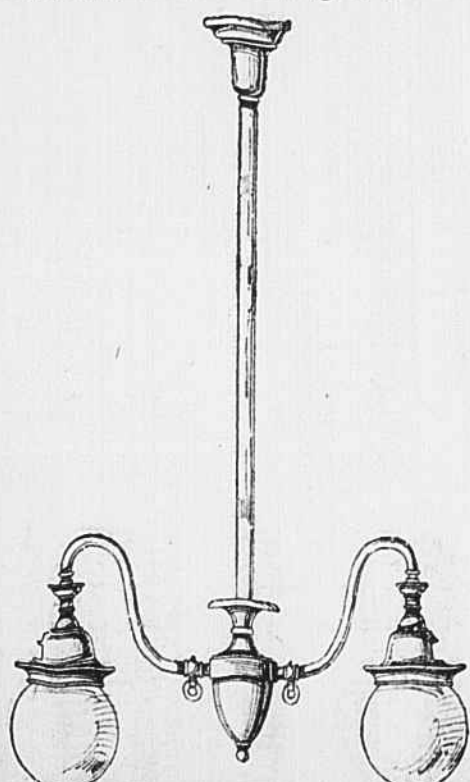
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AS A WOMAN SEES IT

By RHETA CHILDE DORR.

THE PASSING OF THE DAISY CHAIN.

Vassar graduates have received with gasps of incredulity the news that the senior class has voted to abolish one of the oldest institutions of the college, the famous Daisy Chain.

Almost since good old Matthew Vassar's gift to women celebrated its first commencement the Daisy Chain has been a thrilling part of the day's exercises. A great cable eight inches in diameter, many yards in length and covered with daisies, it was carried by twenty-four sophomore girls, chosen out of the entire class for their beauty. Down the green slopes of the campus this aggregation of loveliness bore its floral burden, which played an important part in the class tree ceremony.

To be chosen as one of the twenty-four was naturally a distinction, and the girls who made it were known throughout the rest of their college careers as Daisy Chainers.

In abolishing the old custom the class of 1916 has committed what will appear to many of the older graduates a sacrilegious act. Nor will they be likely to understand the point of view of the chairman of the class day committee, Miss Dorothy Bailey, who is quoted as saying:

"The outside world has attached too much importance to the Daisy Chain, and Vassar wants to be known for other things as well. Besides, the custom was not in keeping with democratic ideals."

In that last sentence Miss Bailey touches on a subject rarely discussed, but one which enters seriously into the modern revolt called feminism. There has always been among women an aristocracy of beauty, which was almost as oppressive as an aristocracy of birth. The age-old doctrine that a girl's first duty was to be pretty, or else be obliged to exist obscurely, kept this aristocracy alive, and has probably done more to keep women silly and ignorant and enslaved than any other condition of their lives.

Through education women are coming to repudiate the old doctrine. A few years ago it was a great distinction to be elected a class beauty. Today, far from being an honor, it carries with it a subtle reflection on the intellect of the recipient.

The passing of the Daisy Chains is a significant event. What Vassar commencements may lose in esthetic effect will be amply compensated for by the democratic spectacle of the entire sophomore class bearing garlands of daisies to consecrate their tree. What the day will gain will be a new respect for the college girl, bent on a more serious errand than trading a youth of good looks for a lifetime of good clothes.

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WEIRD AND GROTESQUE DELUSIONS

By C. I. Watkins, New Martinsville, W. Va.

The most weird and grotesque delusion is that might makes right—when through might we arm it is due to an insane fear, we are cowards, or we would not desire to strut about armed to the teeth—the savage, uneducated people may be excused for arming themselves on the ground that it were necessary to protect themselves against ferocious beasts and certain human beings of like nature. Educated people can find no justifiable excuse for arming for the purpose of the destruction of an imaginary human foe.

We claim to be a Christian people with the love of God in our hearts yet through fear derived from weird delusion we think that we are safer when fully armed with weapons of deadly human destruction.

We disobey God's laws when we prepare for the destruction of His children. It does not matter what be their race, color or condition or servitude, or even approve of such preparation.

The Christian soldier is the only soldier worthy of the name of a soldier, all others are destroyers of God's people and works—we have so many people professing to be real active workers in the army of the Lord, when in fact they are the

devil's most trusted agents. They have entirely lost sight of God's purpose of life. They seem to think that if they destroy their weaker brother that God will look upon them with eyes of favor. They through the delusion of fear have become God's worst enemy, when they take the life or curb the liberty of any human being they at the same time stab their Savior in the back. Their work is that of the most dangerous spy. They would be dangerous in the ranks of either an army of destruction or construction.

They are treacherous; they are dangerous in the ranks of the Lord's army. They should discard their uniform and step out in the open for inspection. They are insane through jealousy and fear, not realizing that the soldiers in the peace army never use powder and ball, such as used in the army of destruction. The peace army never retreats but pushes steadily on until the enemy becomes captive and surrenders to the superior force (even though less in numbers) won by peace and love without the loss of bloodshed, or a single human life.

Why do so-called Christian people advocate, prepare, or go to war when the object is one of destruction of their visionary foe, when the extension of a hand of friendship and brotherly love would capture them hand and heart for the army that is always going about doing right—never quarreling, never fighting, except for the principles of the army of Peace and Love.

Some so-called Christian nations have claimed that God was on their side and directing their armies of destruction. This is one of the most absurd thoughts harboring itself in a semi-insane mind. There could be no more weird or grotesque delusion in the minds of any nation, or any people. God's forces are never found in the ranks of an army of destruction—you will always find them in other camps—in other trenches and on other ships—you will find them with the flag of peace unfurled to the breeze marching sanely and safely on.

War, or preparedness for war of destruction is a delusion and a snare—why be deluded into setting a snare for the purpose of catching an imaginary enemy for the sake of his destruction—his destruction may mean your own destruction also, for remember that you and each of you shall be held to a strict accountability of the part you have taken in bringing destruction upon your imaginary foe—you shall be judged by the law of peace and love, of right and justice—this law has never been amended and will not be amended—this is the law you will be judged by when called before the Supreme Judge on that Judgment day.

There will be no delusion then. Facts will be facts. Your every action here has been carefully recorded. You will find that the recording angel has you charged on the debit side of the ledger with every wrong deed done and on the credit side of this same ledger you have been given the proper credit for all good deeds done—it's a wonderful book of records. What shall your own record show? After the record has been examined the Supreme Judge will inform you that like begots like and that you are going to be judged according to the deeds done—he will inform you that two camps have been established, one on the right and one on the left, and that you shall be assigned to the proper camp. Watch your every step here for the Supreme Judge there may pass a retreat sentence and from which there is no appeal.

There is a story of an Egyptian king who taught some apes the sword dance. The initiative creatures soon picked it up, and used to perform in purple robes and masks. For some time the show was a great success, till at last an ingenious spectator brought some nuts in with him and threw them down. The apes forgot their dancing at the sight of the nuts, dropped their humanity, resumed their apishness, and smashing masks and tearing dresses, had a free fight for the provender.

The advocates of preparedness are those in purple robes and masks who see a chance to get some rich provender and are just as willing to fight for it as were their ancestors. Desiderius Erasmus, born in Rotterdam in 1463, died in Switzerland in 1536, said: "The sum of religion is peace."

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ASTROLOGER PREDICTS AN EARLY PEACE

Believes That European War
Will Probably End About
June 12 or 13 Next.

DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 3.—The only astrologer, so far as is known, who saw the coming of the European conflict several weeks before the war was declared, was L. Edward Johndro, mathematician, electrician and chemist, of this city. In June, 1914, Mr. Johndro wrote a letter to a New York newspaper calling attention to the fact that the planets presaged difficulties in Europe and that the countries affected were Serbia, Austria and Russia. He added that the situation was most threatening for Europe's peace, but hoped it could be adjusted by diplomacy. The communication was printed at the time, but attracted little attention then, as no one dreamed that such a stupendous conflict could be possible in this century.

When questioned recently regarding his prediction for 1916, Mr. Johndro told the newspaper that, after careful mathematical calculation, he sees peace by June 12 or June 13, 1916; not before.

Talks of Peace Mission.
This prediction is embodied also in the Adept, an astrological monthly, and in the January number, which appeared a week ago, Mr. Johndro had this to say about the Ford peace mission and the prospects of peace in 1916:

"The Ford peace ship sailed from New York December 4 at 2 p. m. Venus was then in the ninth house of the heavens, which agrees with the purpose of the voyage—peace. But Venus is in Capricorn—and peace lies buried; moreover, Venus applies to opposition of Saturn on his fourth house—the outcome of the mission looks disappointing.

"The moon in the seventh house indicates much public opposition abroad. Yet the moon trine to Saturn and Jove, and these in trine indicates the mission will eventually have a good moral effect one to six months hence. The moon's trine to Jove in the twelfth measures five to six months hence—suggesting peace overtures may succeed by May or June, 1916. This seems to be the earliest possible peace period warranted by this figure and the

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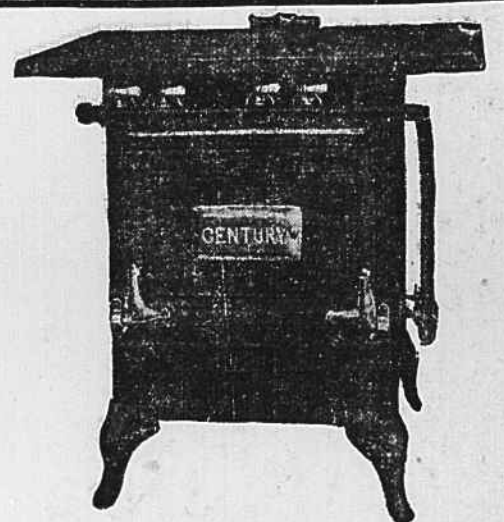
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horoscopes of the European rulers. June 12 or 13, 1916; hardly before." It may be interesting to note that the much advertised astrologers of Europe, who publish yearly almanacs of predictions, had not a line about the war in their publications for 1914. One of them, Raphael, of London, this year, states in his almanac that no doubt his readers were disappointed when they saw nothing about this in the 1914 publication, but, while he saw the ominous signs of the conflict, he preferred not to say anything about it, thinking it would blow over.



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